

What is claimed is:

1. A financial services outsourcing method for facilitating outsourcing of tax return preparation services for numerous clients on behalf of plural direct service providers serving the numerous clients, the financial services being outsourced to a given outsourcing group, the clients comprising a first set of clients in a first country, having tax return filing obligations for the first country, and comprising a second set of clients in a second country having tax return filing obligations for the second country, the method comprising:

for plural respective direct service providers, loading, onto a remotely accessible part of a common host server, client specific financial files and corresponding reference materials, the host server providing access to a remote computer client of information concerning the ultimate client specific financial files and corresponding reference materials;

retaining outsourced personnel to prepare tax returns for the clients of the direct service providers, the outsourced personnel preparing the tax returns while located outside the first and second countries;

providing the outsourced personnel limited access to the server;

the outsourced personnel preparing the tax returns through a remote limited access client located outside the first and second countries connected to the host server; and

monitoring and reporting the status of the financial service project.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the tax return preparation services comprise individual tax return preparation services.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the tax returns are outsourced through an intermediary firm to the outsourced personnel.

4. The method according to claim 3, further comprising the intermediary service firm interacting with the outsourced personnel through use of a servicing computer system, and interacting with the plural direct service providers through use of the servicing computer system.

5. The method according to claim 3, wherein the direct service providers comprise accounting firms.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the host server provides limited screen shot access to the remote client computer of information concerning the client specific financial files and corresponding reference materials.

7. The method according to claim 6, wherein the host server comprises a CITRIX server.

8. The method according to claim 2, wherein the host server provides limited screen shot access to the remote client computer of information concerning the ultimate client specific financial files and corresponding reference materials.

9. The method according to claim 8, wherein the host server comprises a CITRIX server.

10. The method according to claim 1, wherein the host server comprises an ASP server running tax software for use by plural independent direct service providers provided with access to the ASP server.

11. The method according to claim 2, wherein the host server comprises an ASP server running tax software for use by plural independent direct service providers provided with access to the ASP server.

12. The method according to claim 1, wherein the corresponding reference materials comprise image files of physical reference materials.

13. The method according to claim 1, wherein the client specific financial files and corresponding reference materials comprise tax filer specific tax files and image files.

14. The method according to claim 13, further comprising loading onto the remotely accessible part of the host server tax preparation software.

15. The method according to claim 1, wherein the outsourced personnel prepare tax returns while located in India.

16. The method according to claim 1, further comprising a given direct service provider interviewing a tax filer and obtaining supporting documentation for the tax filer's tax return.

17. The method according claim 16, wherein the direct service provider comprises an accounting firm.

18. The method according to claim 16, wherein the supporting documentation comprises the last season tax return as filed, receipts, and summary information regarding finances of the tax filer.

19. The method according to claim 18, further comprising the given direct service provider setting up a tax file compatible with a given tax software package, and rendering the supporting documentation electronic.

20. The method according to claim 19, wherein rendering the supporting documentation electronic comprises scanning supporting documents into image files.